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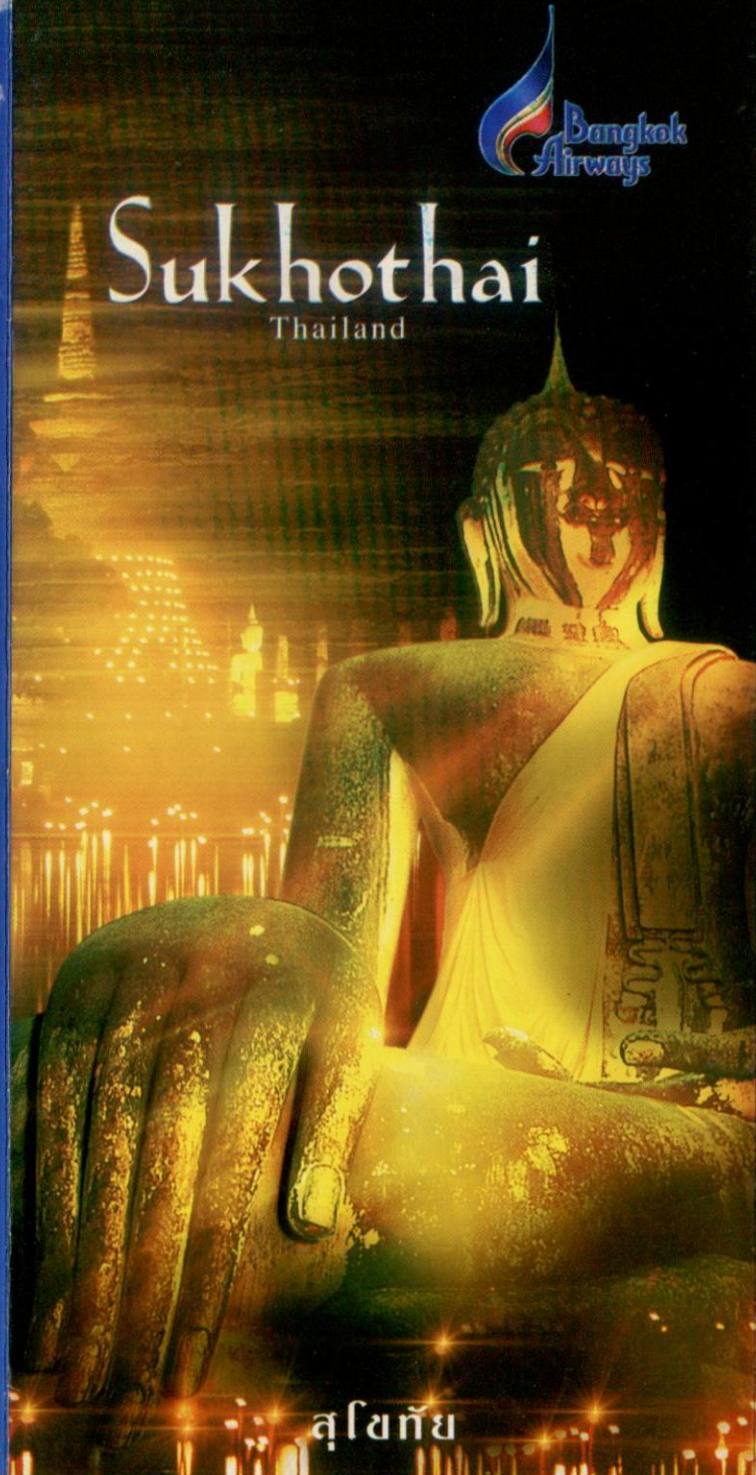
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SUKHOTHAI IN BRIEF

The ancient cradle of Thai civilization, Sukhothai, was once a thriving center of trade, culture and religion. Today it is a visual feast of evocative ruins situated among rolling green hills and tranquil lotus filled ponds. In 1978, the largest and most complex restoration effort in Thai history was undertaken and, today, the ancient city is a visual feast of evocative ruins. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sukhothai is also Bangkok Airways' northern "Cultural Hub".



TEENJOK COTTON WEAVING IN SI SACHANALAI

FACTS & FIGURES

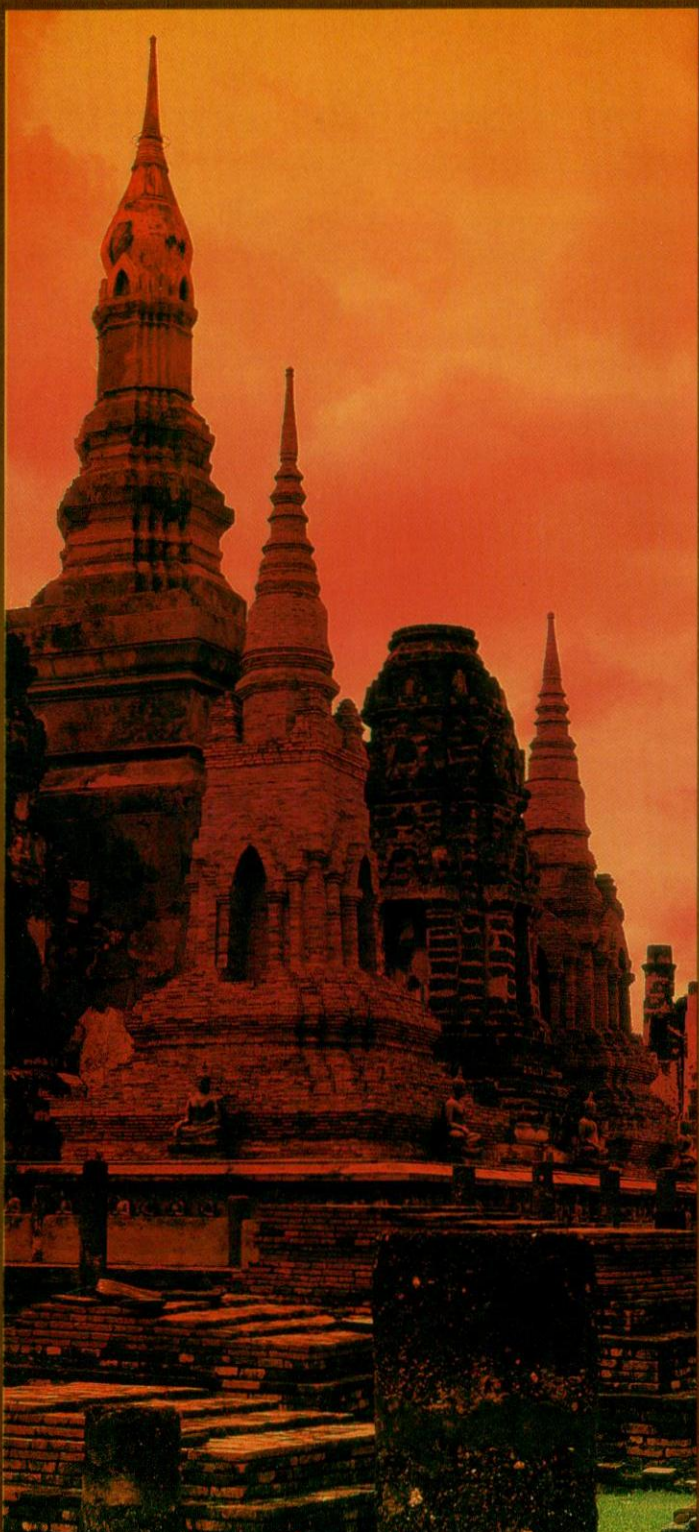
LOCATION : Located in the mountainous northern region of Thailand.

CLIMATE : Average temperature is approximately 27.6 °C

ACCOMMODATION : From inexpensive but comfortable guesthouses to luxury hotels.

FOOD & DRINK : In Thailand one can get an excellent full meal at a street kitchen for 15 to 40 Baht, or in an air-conditioned restaurant for 150 to 400 Baht. The range of tasty high quality food available in Sukhothai town will astound you.

SHOPPING : Sukhothai handicrafts are much sought after and include cotton weaves, traditional Thai gold, Sangkalok pottery, and silverware.



RUINS OF JETHI PHRAYA KHAO RIN AT SUKHOTHAI HISTORICAL PARK

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

Sukhothai offers both natural and cultural experiences; one can enjoy the UNESCO historical parks, or the natural parks in Si Satchanalai district.

THE SUKHOTHAI HISTORICAL PARK : Ruins of the royal palaces, Buddhist temples, the city gates, walls, moats, dams, ditches, ponds, canals, and a water dyke control system.

PHRA MAE YA SHRINE : Built during King Ramkhamhaeng's reign as a dedication to his late mother Nang Suang.

WAT PHRA-PHAI-LUANG : Second only in importance to Wat Mahathat.

masterpieces of Sukhothai art.

OTHER TEMPLES NOT TO BE MISSED : Wat Mongkon, Wat Pa-Ma-Muang , Wat Tuk, Wat Ton-Chan , Wat Chetuphon, Wat-Phichit-Kirati-Kanlayaram, Wat Chang Lom , Wat Chedi-Sung and Phra-Ruang Dam

ANCIENT GOLDSMITH VILLAGE (SI SATCHANALAI GOLDSMITH) : Renowned for its traditional ancient style and quality.

COTTON VILLAGE : Thai Puan of Had Siow Village in Si Satchanalai whose ancestor are originated from Laos over 100 years ago are famed for the colorful *teen jok* cotton weaves.



THE ART OF CELADONS IN SUKHOTHAI

RUINS OF THE OLD CELADON FACTORY (THURIANG KILN) : A site where Sukhothai *celadons* were made. Forty-nine kilns and small edifices are visible.

WAT CHANG-LOM : A *chedi* is decorated with an elephant emerging from the base.

WAT SI CHUM : A square *mondop* contains a monumental Buddha image.

WAT SAPHAN-HIN : Located on a hill 200 meters high.

WAT ARANYIK : Dwelling places for monks, caves, and the bases of *ubosots* and *viharns* line the pathway to the sanctuary.

WAT PHRA-YUN : The *viharn* enshrines a standing Buddha image.

WAT TRAPHANG-THONG-LANG : The stucco figures are



BIKING IN THE SUKHOTHAI HISTORICAL PARK

RAMKHAMHAENG NATIONAL PARK (PA KAO LUANG) : Named after King Ramkhamhaeng The Great, this fertile national park is rich in flora and fauna and has many rare species.

SI SATCHANALAI NATIONAL PARK : There are many waterfalls and caves to explore here; Tad Dao Waterfall, Tad Duan Waterfall, Taravasan Cave, Kang Kao Cave (Bat Cave). Accommodation is available and can be booked through the Forest Department. Tents can also be rented.

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